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2008 Charleston Conference — 28th Annual Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition

Call For Papers, Ideas, Conference Themes, Panels, Debates, Diatribes, Speakers, Poster Sessions, Preconferences, etc. ...

2008 Proposed Theme — “The Best of Times — The Worst of Times”

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 — Preconferences and Vendor Showcase

Thursday-Saturday, November 6-8, 2008 — Main Conference

Francis Marion Hotel & Embassy Suites Historic District, Charleston, SC

If you are interested in leading a discussion, acting as a moderator, coordinating a lively lunch, or would like to make sure we discuss a particular topic, please let us know. The **Charleston Conference** prides itself on creativity, innovation, flexibility, and informality. If there is something you are interested in doing, please try it out on us. We'll probably love it...

The Conference Directors for the **2008 Charleston Conference** include — **Beth Bernhardt**, Principal Director (UNC-Greensboro) <beth_bernhardt@uncg.edu>, **Glenda Alvin** <galvin@Tnstate.edu>, **Cris Ferguson** (Furman University) <cris.ferguson@furman.edu>, **David Goodman** <dgoodman@princeton.edu>, **Chuck Hamaker** <cahamake@email.uncc.edu>, **Heidi Hoerman** <hoerman@sc.edu>, **Ramune Kubilius** (Northwestern Health Sciences Library) <r-kubilius@northwestern.edu>, **Heather Miller** (SUNY-Albany) <hmliller@uamail.albany.edu>, **Jack Montgomery** (Western Kentucky University) <jack.montgomery@wku.edu>, **Audrey Powers** (UFS Tampa Library) <apowers@lib.usf.edu>, **John Perry Smith** (Total Information Inc.) <jps@totalinformation.com>, **Anthony Watkinson** (Consultant) <anthony.watkinson@btpenworld.com>, **Katina Strauch** (College of Charleston) <kstrauch@comcast.net> or www.katina.info/conference.

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Rumors

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Jack says that he is really ok; both physically and mentally. This type of stroke has the best prognosis for full recovery. In the meantime, **Jack** is changing his diet and exercising more! Sounds like something we all should be doing! And, **Jack**, we love you! Take care of yourself! Hugs!

And, in the meantime, **Jack** (above) has arranged for a fantastic **Wandering the Web on Pop-up Books** written by **Deana Groves**. See this issue, p. 82. Remember the article on **Movable books** by **Eleanor M. Heldrich** that was in the September, 1998 issue of *ATG*, v.10#4?

Next up! **Andrew Pace**, the genius **Head of Information Technology at North Carolina State!** **Andrew** is joining **OCLC** as **Executive Director, Networked Library Services**, effective January 7, 2007. In this position, **Andrew** will guide the future development of network level services for libraries. **Mr. Pace** spent the last nine years at **North Carolina State University Libraries**. As **Head of Information Technology** since 2001, he has led a staff of 16 librarians, programmers and systems specialists to support the Libraries' information technology directives. As **Assistant Head** from 1999-2000, he was primary liaison to the Department for Digital Library Initiatives and the UNC System's Automation and Networking Committee. **Andrew** was a **Systems Librarian** and **Product Integration**

Specialist at Innovative Interfaces, from 1996-1999. He serves on a variety of professional boards and organizations, including the **LITA Board** (Director-at-Large 2004-2007; **Vice President/President-elect** 2007-2009); **NISO Metasearch Initiative** (Co-chair, 2004-2006); and the **Open eBook Forum (OeBF) Library Special Interest Group**. As we all know, **Andrew** has written extensively about libraries, and has contributed regularly to *American Libraries*, *Computers in Libraries* and *Smart Libraries Newsletter* publications. His book, *The Ultimate Digital Library: Where the New Information Players Meet*, was published by ALA Editions in 2003. He blogs weekly for *American Libraries*' "Hectic Pace." **Andrew** earned a Master of Science in Library Science from **The Catholic University of America**, and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Rhetoric and Communication Studies from the **University of Virginia**. **Andrew** will reside in the Dublin, Ohio, area.

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More about **OCLC**. Do you remember when **Cindy Cunningham** spoke in Charleston? It was at the **20th Charleston Conference: Issues in Book and Serial Acquisitions: Is Bigger Better?** (November, 2000). Her topic was listed as "Should Libraries be More like Amazon.com?" but she preferred the title of her talk to be "The Impact of E-Commerce on Libraries." Anyway, **Cindy** will join **OCLC** as **Director, Partner Programs** on January 7, 2008. She will play a leadership role in expanding the coverage of **WorldCat**, and in managing external partnerships. She will work

from Seattle, Washington. **Cindy** spent the last three years as **Director, Media Metadata**, for **Corbis**, a resource for advertising, marketing and media professionals worldwide, that provides photography, footage and rights services. From 1998 through February 2004, **Ms. Cunningham** held a variety of positions at **Amazon**, including U.S. Catalog Librarian/Program Manager. Before joining **Amazon**, **Ms. Cunningham** was **Head of Reference and Information Services** at **Kitsap Regional Library** in Bremerton, Washington. **Cindy** earned a Master's degree in Library Science from the **University of Washington**, and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations from **Stanford University**. In addition to her professional volunteer work, **Ms. Cunningham** also served four years as **President** of the **Board of World Corps**, a non-profit organization based in Seattle which oversaw the installation of Internet kiosks-with accompanying training and economic development activities in four rural areas, in Kenya, India, Mexico and the Philippines.

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More news from **OCLC**. The awesome **Larry Alford**, **Dean of University Libraries, Temple University**, has been named **Chair** of the **OCLC Board of Trustees**. He replaces **Betsy Wilson**, **Dean of University Libraries, University of Washington**, as **Chair** of the **OCLC Board**. **Betsy** served four consecutive one-year terms as **Board Chair**, which is the maximum allowed. She remains on the Board. **Larry** was elected to the **OCLC Board of**

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